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SPREAD OF ANTHRAX DISEASE IN ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the anthrax disease has been noticed in animals in various parts of the country, particularly in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to check the spread of disease;
- (c) where the disease which was noticed in some parts has been contained successfully; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the names of states where it has been spreading in spite of the measures adopted for the control of disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b) During 2007-08 sporadic occurrence of anthrax in animals have been noticed in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Pondicherry and Kerala.

As per information received from Government of Kerala, 8 numbers of anthrax cases in animals have been reported during 2007-08 of which 7 animals died.

The steps taken by the Government for control and contain the disease are:

Scientific disposal and burial of carcass.

Disinfection of the cattle shed and premises where outbreak has been confirmed.

Ring vaccination of all susceptible animals in surrounding areas using anthrax spore vaccine.

Awareness camps were organized with audio visuals on anthrax disease in animals and its symptoms, prevention, disposal of carcass and disinfection of the premises.

As the disease is of Zoonotic importance, awareness is also created about Anthrax Disease in human beings about symptoms, prevention and treatment measures.

(c) yes, sir.

- (d)
- (i) the disease in animals have been successfully controlled and contained in all the states mentioned above.
 - (ii) Question does not arise.